



General Assembly

**House Joint  
Resolution No. 54**

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Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION

Introduced by:  
(TRA)

**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO THE FEDERAL  
RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION'S PLAN TO CONSTRUCT A BYPASS  
THROUGH SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT.**

Resolved by this Assembly:

1 WHEREAS, the Federal Railroad Administration's plan to construct  
2 a bypass on the Northeast Corridor between Old Saybrook,  
3 Connecticut, and Kenyon, Rhode Island, has negatively impacted the  
4 communities of southeastern Connecticut; and

5 WHEREAS, the construction of such bypass will be disruptive to the  
6 scenic, peaceful and historic towns of southeastern Connecticut; and

7 WHEREAS, the construction of such bypass will cause a decline in  
8 property values, divide neighborhoods and negatively affect tourist  
9 areas of southeastern Connecticut; and

10 WHEREAS, the construction of such bypass will significantly  
11 damage the fragile and unique ecology of the Connecticut River  
12 Estuary and irreparably harm Old Lyme's nationally registered  
13 historical landmarks; and

14 WHEREAS, the construction of such bypass will have a devastating  
15 impact on environmentally precious areas, home sales, farm land and  
16 businesses; and

17 WHEREAS, merely the threat of such bypass has halted real estate  
18 transactions in southeastern Connecticut's communities.

19 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the plan to construct a  
20 bypass on the Northeast Corridor between Old Saybrook, Connecticut,  
21 and Kenyon, Rhode Island, be eliminated from the Federal Railroad  
22 Administration's plan, NEC Future, before the Federal Railroad  
23 Administration makes a final recommendation; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution, suitably  
25 engrossed, be sent to the Federal Railroad Administration.

**TRA**      *Joint Favorable*